

Duke Environmental Leadership Program NEPA Courses and Certificate Program

The Duke Environmental Leadership (DEL) Program of the Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth Sciences at Duke University offers executive education courses for working professionals on a variety of environmental management topics, including courses and a certificate program on the National Environmental Policy Act (co-sponsored by the Council on Environmental Quality).

NEPA courses taking place during 2008-2009 are listed below. For more information and to register for any of these courses, please see <http://www.nicholas.duke.edu/del/continuinged/courses.html>.

The DEL Program also offers a Certificate in the National Environmental Policy Act which is described below.

Please contact del@nicholas.duke.edu or (919) 613-8082 with questions.

Course Offerings:

Considering Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change under NEPA

February 4-6, 2009

Tuition: \$800 on or before January 7, 2009 (\$875 after January 7, 2009)

This course will detail the science of global warming; the expected environmental, social and economic effects of climate change and examine how the NEPA process can be used to assess the impact of a project and its contribution to climate change. It will review the case law this far and detail the requirements of current and emerging legislation and how agencies can integrate the new expectations of the courts, the Congress and the public into their analyses

Socioeconomic Impact Analysis Under NEPA

February 18-20, 2009

Tuition: \$800 on or before January 28, 2009 (\$875 after January 28, 2009)

This course addresses the need and legal mandate for socioeconomic impact assessment, which includes the National Environmental Policy Act, the Executive Order on Environmental Justice, and case law. It will address the role that human communities play in responding to, adapting to, and resisting change brought on by major federal actions.

Scoping, Public Involvement and Environmental Justice

April 1-3, 2009

Tuition: \$800 on or before March 11, 2009 (\$875 after March 11, 2009)

This course introduces scoping is an analytical exercise that targets key issues. It is the first step in the NEPA process where a manager can be successful at making the process cost less, count more in decision-making and ensure that the public participates in the process. Through a combination of presentation, case studies, role plays and activities, participants will learn the skills necessary to develop a scoping effort that produces meaningful analyses, saves their agency/client money and ensures full public participation in decision-making.

Preparing and Documenting Environmental Impact Analyses

May 18-22, 2009

Tuition: \$1200 on or before April 27, 2009 (\$1275 after April 27, 2009)

This course teaches participants how to prepare coordinate and review high-quality documents for decision-makers and the public. The course spans NEPA's fundamental precepts and regulations and the nuts-and bolts of creating high-quality documents in the real world. Extensive practical exercises, in individual and work group format, are included and are designed to give the students hands-on experience.

Implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act

June 15-19, 2009

Tuition: \$1200 on or before May 25, 2009 (\$1275 after May 25, 2009)

This popular course is designed for mid-level and senior project managers who work to streamline the environmental permitting process for federal facilities and federal regulatory activities; and to prepare and review environmental assessments, environmental impact statements, and other NEPA analyses. It is a required course of the NEPA Certificate Program.

Certificate in the National Environmental Policy Act

DEL also offers a Certificate in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), co-sponsored by the Council on Environmental Quality, Executive Office of the President. This program is designed for professionals seeking essential skills in the understanding and implementation of NEPA.

Requirements:

A minimum of 100 hours of NEPA instruction taught by Duke University including "Implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act" course, three elective courses within the categories below and a capstone paper.

Required course: Implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act

Elective courses:

Take TWO of the following courses:

- Socioeconomic Impact Analysis under NEPA

- Accounting for Cumulative Effects in the NEPA Process
- Tribal Consultation

And ONE of the following courses:

- Scoping, Public Involvement and Environmental Justice
- Current and Emerging Issues in Environmental Policy
- Preparing and Documenting Environmental Impact Analyses
- The Law of NEPA
- Considering Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change under NEPA

Capstone Paper:

The capstone paper is an original, research-based culminating exercise related to NEPA theory or practice. The paper should be based on what you have learned in the courses and your current or future work in the field; case study examples are encouraged. The rationale of the capstone paper is two-fold: to demonstrate knowledge of the subject, and to make a contribution to the field. Exemplary papers may be incorporated into future course offerings. The final paper is expected to be 10-20 pages in length, not to exceed 20 pages. The paper will be reviewed by a panel of experts in NEPA. Topics must be approved in advance. To submit a capstone paper proposal, you must have completed at least three required courses and be registered for your fourth.